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Mr. William E. Moschella
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RE: JAMES TROY WALKER

Dear Mr. Moschella:

My constituent, James Troy Walker, has requested my assistance regarding what he considers to be unfair practices of the Pacific Maritime Association.

Mr. Walker informed my staff that he was a Longshoreman, employed by the Pacific Maritime Association, in Oakland, California. He said that he was a hard working, loyal employee who enjoyed his work. According to Mr. Walker's extensive documentation, he was injured on May 1, 2002, and that he has been unable to work since that time. Mr. Walker said that in workman's compensation cases, the Maritime Association provides their own attorneys to represent the injured workers, creating a conflict of interest.

He said that in the years that have passed since his injury, he has not had adequate representation so that he can receive the compensation he believes he is entitled to for his life-changing injury. At this time, James Troy Walker respectfully requests that his situation be investigated outside of the Maritime Association. He said that he has seen unfair representation primarily in cases of racial minorities.

I would appreciate it if you would investigate and comment on this case at your earliest opportunity. Please forward your correspondence in care of my Congressional Aide, Elaine McKellar, in my Oakland District Office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Barbara Lee
 Member of Congress

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